



**Indiana
Department
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Health**

Drug Overdose Prevention Newscast

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Updates

Naloxone Vending Machine Planned for IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital

IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital announced this month that a naloxone vending machine was planned for its emergency department waiting area. The vending machine, which will be purchased by Overdose Lifeline, will dispense free naloxone kits. Each kit includes one dose of naloxone, instructions on use and resources to address substance use disorder.

Dr. Ryan Brown, medical director of IU Health East Central Region Addiction Medicine, stated that "this machine gives our community zero-barrier access to a medication that could mean the difference between life and death."

As part of the goal to install naloxone vending machines in 19 locations throughout the state, this machine will be in addition to others that have already been placed at Eskenazi Health Center, Marion County Jail, Monroe County Correctional Center and others.

Find a naloxone vending machine, NaloxBox or distribution center near you.

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Medella House to open in Charleston

Medella House will open soon as a recovery house that focuses on positivity and supporting women through substance use disorder recovery. Courtney Tutt, Erica Woodson, Jennifer Vega, and Raymondy Ramothibe will own the facility together and hold a grand opening this month.

According to Vega, residents will attend outpatient therapy, participate in a community-based recovery group, and be encouraged to find employment or volunteer opportunities. The cost of admission will be on a sliding scale, and the team strives to secure grants so women can focus on recovery without worrying about the cost.

The house has room for six women and applications can be submitted to its website.

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Upcoming Events

Working Across the Spectrum of Prevention: Prevention, Harm Reduction, Intervention, Treatment, and Recovery

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EDT, Sept. 22

Hosted by: Southeast PTTC

This training summarizes ways to strengthen the consolidated work of prevention and recovery in communities. The process uses the strategic prevention framework as the foundation to develop strategies for the community that prevents substance use and strengthen community recovery capital that directly affects young people.

To learn more about this event and register, click [here](#).

Recovery is Health, Health is Recovery Part 6: Harm Reduction

2 p.m. EDT, Sept. 22

Hosted by: Northwest ATTC

In this session, Evan Burke of the Idaho Harm Reduction Project will provide an overview of harm reduction informed practices that can be incorporated into an individual's drug use to reduce risk of overdose.

Click [here](#) to register for the event.

Substance Use and Mental Illness among BIPOC: Bridging Gaps in Equity

3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. EDT, Sept. 28

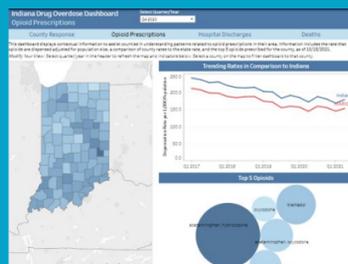
Hosted by: Overdose Response Network

Racialized minority populations are disproportionately impacted by structural barriers to treatment for substance use disorder (SUD) and severe mental illness (SMI). Despite the rate of co-occurring SMI and SUD, treatment for each often remains isolated from the other. This webinar will examine the intersection between these conditions, and how structural racism uniquely affects BIPOC experiencing co-occurring disorders.

To register for this event click [here](#).

Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard

Please visit the [Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard](#), where you will find data from 2017 up to provisional data for 2021. In this dashboard, you will find data regarding opioid prescriptions, hospital discharges, and drug-related deaths. You can use this dashboard to explore overdose data at the county and state levels.



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